27. उड़ीसा	. .	151344
28. पांडिचेरी	. .	13638
29. सिक्किम	. .	5938
30. तमिलनाडू	.	640000
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O.N.G.C. Deal

3641. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in the Economic Times dated the 6th January, 1992 on ONGC deal ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Conditional Letter of Intent was placed on Kawasaki Heavy Industries after examining the merits of the case.

Requirement of Natural Gas

3642. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total requirement of natural gas for domestic consumption and what is the requirement for industries ;

(b) what is the demand from Maharashtra ; and

(c) what is the allocation to Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) While no detailed assessment of demand has been separately made for the domestic sector, a demand of approx. 240 MMSCMD is registered with GAIL, in addition to the allocations of around 92 MMSCMD already made.

(b) and (c) Apart from the allocation of 16.5 MMSCMD already made to units located in Maharashtra, demands for 8.22 MMSCMD from such units are registered with GAIL.

Supply of L.S.H.S.

3643. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations for supply of L.S.H.S. for 120 MW Yelahanka Diesel Engine Power Plant near Bangalore ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Government had received a request for supply of 135 TMTPA of L.S.H.S. for 120 MW Yelahanka Diesel Engine Power Plant and a decision has been taken to supply the same subject to availability.

Oil Refineries

3644. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2144 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has withheld its approval to the Petroleum Ministry's proposals to set up three more refineries of 6 million tonnes per annum capacity, each in Eastern, Central and Western regions ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

Prices fixed by oil companies of OPEC countries

3645. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the prices India has been paying to different oil companies of OPEC countries during the last five years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Director Marketing and Chairman have offered higher prices to the same oil companies than that by other foreign purchasers ;and

(c) if so, what are the details of differences in price alongwith the reasons for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Indian oil Corporation has been entering into term contracts for import of Crude oil and petroleum product from National Oil Companies of major oil producing countries, generally on an yearly basis. Pricing formulae for various term contracts are different from each other and are market related. Supplies are made under each contract in accordance with terms of agreements.

Gas flaring

3646. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an American Company has offered to prevent flaring of the Gas at Bombay High and to take it to the South through pipeline ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

External support to killers of Rajiv Gandhi

3647. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the killers of former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, received direct support from Tamils based in Malayasia or Singapore ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi was part of international conspiracy; and;

(c) if so, whether Government have interrogated or have taken into custody the persons residing abroad who are involved in assassination case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.